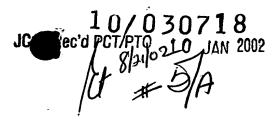
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PRELIMINARY AMEMDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to calculation of the filing fees and examination of the above noted application, entrance of the following remarks and amendments into the record is respectfully requested.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/US00/21434 in the U.S. §371 national phase of prosecution.

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 4. The process of any one of claims 1 wherein n in R_n is 2 and one group is substituted on at the 3 position and the other group is substituted on the 4 position.
- 5. The process of any one of claims $\underline{1}$ wherein R_1 is methyl, one of R_n is methoxy, -O-CF3, -O-CHF2, or -O-CH2CHF2 and the other is C4-6cycloalkyloxy.
- 6. The process of any one of claim $\underline{1}$ wherein n in R_n is 2 and one is 3-cyclopentyloxy and a second Rn group is 4-methoxy.

